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## DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or the below named inventors are the original, first and joint inventors (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **ASSAY FOR TOXIN INDUCED NEURONAL DEGENERATION AND VIABILITY IN C. ELEGANS**, the Specification of which:

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on June 22, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/888,233.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

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which become available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NONE.

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment to Vanderbilt University, referenced below, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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